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Killed! Shot through the head! One less enemy. And our hunter has drawn a bead on a man—surely a soul into Eternity—and he smiles and chuckles and feels that men must look upon him with awe and admiration.

## KISSING.

## SHOULD IT BE ABOLISHED?

Progress and science now propose to abolish the kiss. Will they succeed? Without doubt there is too much kissing done in the world by the wrong people. There is a vast deal of kissing of lips about us. Women across each other too promiscuously and meaninglessly. Children are kissed too freely by relatives, friends, and strangers. I saw a pretty young lady taking leave of her summer friends last season and fully twenty women and children presented lips to her while the carriage waited to bear her away. There is no expression in a kiss of the kind. It means nothing but a mere form on the part of the friends, while it means a trying ordeal for the poor victim. It is like tossing a delicate rose from hand to hand in lieu of a playing ball.

A kiss upon the cheek given by one woman to another, or to children, is far more agreeable to the acting parties, and means just as much. It saves all danger of contracting throat diseases, and it renders an unpleasant breath less obnoxious.

Most people seem to think the matter of personal fragrance settled one as far as they are concerned. I know a lady who insists always on kissing her friends upon the lips when she meets them. The ordeal for her friends is a terrible one, yet not one of them has the heart to refuse the proffered cheek or to give the cheek in place of the lips. It seems a misfortune that the lady has not the forethought to save her friends this experience. They would love her just as deeply, and thank her most feelingly if she pressed their hands merely and withheld her lips.

Parents ought to teach their children from their very earliest years to be chary of giving their lips. Parents themselves ought to avoid kissing infants; and the mother should kiss the cheeks, the dear little soft cheeks, the dimpled cheeks all over tempting rosy for kisses without endangering the child's comfort or health. Imagine a father, whose breath was vile with stale tobacco-smoke, or fumes of whisky, press his mouth to that of a tiny infant, never thinking that the poor baby's lungs were being poisoned by the contact.

Parents have, as a rule, a most curious unthinking way of bidding their children to "go and kiss the lady" or the gentleman caller. The child will shrink and hide its face, while the mother will urge and even command.

A dainty little girl will be absolutely forced to offer her sweet mouth to be kissed, and these unwise guardians seem to think the daily repetition of this act with every caller at the home a necessary part of the child's education.

Every man or woman of feeling longs to possess a beautiful child, as one long to put a fragrant rose to the nostrils, but a tender gardener does not allow every passer-by to freely handle his flowers.

The kiss on the lips was undoubtedly first invented by lovers, and should be consecrated to love's uses. It can never be abolished by fashion or science without heart, brain, veins, and nerves, and unless there is love's kiss.

It is a spontaneous impulse of two fond beings drawn together by a mysterious attraction. Eloquent in its silence, it succeeds where words fail. Many a woman has had her heart revealed to her through a kiss, and in knowing when to give and when to withhold this favour, often lies the secret of winning or losing.

As many prizes have been lost by the kiss too long withheld as by the one too easily given. To the woman the kiss means more, and less than it means to the man. The woman thinks the man who takes her lips has given his heart; but the man thinks only that she who has given her lips will give herself as well. When the woman finds her mistake she is disillusioned. When the man finds his, he is angry. When the thrill of pleasure goes out of the kiss for two people, and it becomes a mechanical duty, love has departed. Friendship may blind them, respect may unite them, and sympathy render their association sweet and tender; but when lip no longer speaks to lip, in the wordless eloquence of the kiss Cupid has sheathed his arrows and flown away.

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## HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Meteor. Obs. Station &amp; Co.'s Register.)

Barometer—9 a.m.	Thermometer—9 a.m.	Thermometer—1 p.m.	Thermometer—5 p.m.	Thermometer—9 p.m.	Thermometer—10 p.m.
30.00	64	74	84	74	64
30.01	65	75	85	75	65
30.02	66	76	86	76	66
30.03	67	77	87	77	67
30.04	68	78	88	78	68
30.05	69	79	89	79	69
30.06	70	80	90	80	70
30.07	71	81	91	81	71
30.08	72	82	92	82	72
30.09	73	83	93	83	73
30.10	74	84	94	84	74
30.11	75	85	95	85	75
30.12	76	86	96	86	76
30.13	77	87	97	87	77
30.14	78	88	98	88	78
30.15	79	89	99	89	79
30.16	80	90	100	90	80
30.17	81	91	101	91	81
30.18	82	92	102	92	82
30.19	83	93	103	93	83
30.20	84	94	104	94	84
30.21	85	95	105	95	85
30.22	86	96	106	96	86
30.23	87	97	107	97	87
30.24	88	98	108	98	88
30.25	89	99	109	99	89
30.26	90	100	110	100	90
30.27	91	101	111	101	91
30.28	92	102	112	102	92
30.29	93	103	113	103	93
30.30	94	104	114	104	94

## CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

9th January, 1895.—At 4 p.m.

Barometer—9 a.m.	Thermometer—9 a.m.	Thermometer—1 p.m.	Thermometer—5 p.m.	Thermometer—9 p.m.	Thermometer—10 p.m.
30.00	64	74	84	74	64
30.01	65	75	85	75	65
30.02	66	76	86	76	66
30.03	67	77	87	77	67
30.04	68	78	88	78	68
30.05	69	79	89	79	69
30.06	70	80	90	80	70
30.07	71	81	91	81	71
30.08	72	82	92	82	72
30.09	73	83	93	83	73
30.10	74	84	94	84	74
30.11	75	85	95	85	75
30.12	76	86	96	86	76
30.13	77	87	97	87	77
30.14	78	88	98	88	78
30.15	79	89	99	89	79
30.16	80	90	100	90	80
30.17	81	91	101	91	81
30.18	82	92	102	92	82
30.19	83	93	103	93	83
30.20	84	94	104	94	84
30.21	85	95	105	95	85
30.22	86	96	106	96	86
30.23	87	97	107	97	87
30.24	88	98	108	98	88
30.25	89	99	109	99	89
30.26	90	100	110	100	90
30.27	91	101	111	101	91
30.28	92	102	112	102	92
30.29	93	103	113	103	93
30.30	94	104	114	104	94

10th January, 1895.—At 10 a.m.

Barometer—9 a.m.	Thermometer—9 a.m.	Thermometer—1 p.m.	Thermometer—5 p.m.	Thermometer—9 p.m.	Thermometer—10 p.m.
30.00	64	74	84	74	64
30.01	65	75	85	75	65
30.02	66	76	86	76	66
30.03	67	77	87	77	67
30.04	68	78	88	78	68
30.05	69	79	89	79	69
30.06	70	80	90	80	70
30.07	71	81	91	81	71
30.08	72	82	92	82	72
30.09	73	83	93	83	73
30.10	74	84	94	84	74
30.11	75	85	95	85	75
30.12	76	86	96	86	76
30.13	77	87	97	87	77
30.14	78	88	98	88	78
30.15	79	89	99	89	79
30.16	80	90	100	90	80
30.17	81	91	101	91	81
30.18	82	92	102	92	82
30.19	83	93	103	93	83
30.20	84	94	104	94	84
30.21	85	95	105	95	85
30.22	86	96	106	96	86
30.23	87	97	107	97	87
30.24	88	98	108	98	88
30.25	89	99	109	99	89
30.26	90	100	110	100	90
30.27	91	101	111	101	91
30.28	92	102	112	102	92
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On the 10th, at 11 a.m. the barometer was rising. Moderate north-east wind, with fine weather, prevailed.

1.—Barometer reduced to level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths. 2.—Temperature to the shade in degrees, Fahrenheit. 3.—Direction in percentage of atmosphere, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100. 4.—Direction of the wind to two points. 5.—Force of the wind, according to Beaufort's scale. 6.—State of the weather. 7.—Direction of the wind to two points. 8.—Force of the wind, according to Beaufort's scale. 9.—State of the weather. 10.—Direction of the wind to two points. 11.—Force of the wind, according to Beaufort's scale. 12.—State of the weather. 13.—Direction of the wind to two points. 14.—Force of the wind, according to Beaufort's scale. 15.—State of the weather. 16.—Direction of the wind to two points. 17.—Force of the wind, according to Beaufort's scale. 18.—State of the weather. 19.—Direction of the wind to two points. 20.—Force of the wind, according to Beaufort's scale. 21.—State of the weather. 22.—Direction of the wind to two points. 23.—Force of 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